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W. Eugene Davis

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Tulane 1960 JD
Began Service: 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1976-1983)

Legal Practice: Associate, Phelps, Dunbar, Marks, Claverie & Sims (1960-1964); Associate then Partner, Caffery, Duhe & Davis (1964-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of United States

Staff

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Education: Chicago 1991 JD
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Jerry E. Smith

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: January 7, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1972-1973)

Government: Chairman, Houston Civil Service Commission (1982-1984); City Attorney, City of Houston, Texas (1984-1988)

Legal Practice: Fulbright & Jaworski (1973-1984)

Nonprofit: Member, Board of Directors, Harris County Housing Authority (1978-1980)

Current Memberships: Evidence Rules Committee, Chair; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Tulane 1956 BA, 1961 JD
Began Service: May 25, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Legal Practice: Partner, Wiener, Weiss & Madison (and predecessor firms) (1961-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy (1956-1958)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; American Law Institute; Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute; International Academy of Estate and Trust Law; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Shreveport Bar Association

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Rhessa H. Barksdale

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: West Point 1966 BS; Mississippi 1972 JD
Began Service: April 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Akron (1969-1970); Instructor, University of Mississippi School of Law (1975-1976); Instructor, Mississippi College School of Law (1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Byron R. White, Supreme Court of the United States (1972-1973)

Legal Practice: Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (1973-1990)

Military Service: United States Army (1966-1970)

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Emilio M. Garza

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD
Began Service: June 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1988-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker & Finck (1976-1987)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1973-1979)

Chambers of Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza continued

Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.**

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Rice 1952 BA; Texas 1955 LLB
Began Service: December 13, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Corporate: Legal Services Corporation (1982-1983); Director, Panama Canal Company (1976-1977)

Government: Member of the Council, Administrative Conference of the United States (1990-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, Bracewell, Patterson & Patterson (1957-1961); Partner, Bracewell & Patterson (1961-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Houston Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of Texas

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Fortunato P. Benavides

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Commissioner, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (1983-1989)

Judicial: Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge, Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

Legal Practice: Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall (1993-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Carl E. Stewart**

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Dillard 1971 BA; Loyola (New Orleans) 1974 JD
Began Service: May 9, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University (Shreveport) (1982-1985)

Government: Staff Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1978-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1983); Special Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (1983-1985); Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Shreveport, Louisiana (1983-1985)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, First Judicial District (1985-1991); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Piper & Brown (1977-1978); Partner, Stewart & Dixon (1983-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1974-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Black Lawyers Association of Shreveport-Bossier; Harry Booth Chapter American Inn of Court; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Conference of Court of Appeal Judges; National Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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James L. Dennis

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LL.M.
Began Service: October 2, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University; Visiting Professor, Tulane University

Government: State Representative James Dennis (R-LA), Louisiana State House of Representatives (1968-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1962-1972)

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